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

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not appear to belong to the text at all, but look like a marginal note on some corrupt reading (in one of the parent MSS?).—165, 4. For الدَّوَابَّة read الدُّوَابَّة. This gives the answer to Gottheil's query in this same line, where he thinks that the name of a fixed star is given. It is a comet that is described!—L. 7. For كثير احدهما read كثيرة احد مآ.—L. 10. For للطفلة read الطفلة.

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### ASSYRIAN IDEOGRAMS<sup>1</sup>



In *Babyloniaca* II, III, I have reviewed the first four parts of Meissner's *Seltene assyrische Ideogramme*. The entire work in nine parts has now been completed. The entries number 9,380, most of which are additions to the 14,487 entries of the original list of Brünnow. Meissner, following the scheme of his predecessor, adds a large number of ideograms whose first sign or signs are illegible in the known texts. This section contains 413 entries. He adds 1,728 corrections and additions which he obtained from various sources. In one respect his book presents a great improvement on Brünnow, in that he has given the Assyrian words found in his book in compact form in Latin transcription. The Sumerian values follow in transcription with no attempt to divide them into (1) sign-names, (2) phonetic values, and (3) Semitic values. As he paid little attention to sign-names in his book it is of course rare that he has catalogued any at all, except in case of simple signs whose major phonetic value is identical with the sign-name plus the Semitic desinence added by the scribes. So in entering BUR () whose sign-name is būru, both name and phonetic value appear in the list. When, however, a sign enters into a compound, its phonetic value can be often obtained by analyzing the compound. For instance, we would not know the word NUMUN for seed () Semitic zēru, but for the sign-name of  = NUMUN EŠ-GUNU-KI-KI (CT, XI, 49, 31) = Kullaba, Hallab. The word NUMUN, seed, offspring, beginning, occurs often, and occasionally spelled out NU-MU-UN; besides the citations in *Babyloniaca* III, 147, see Gudea Cyl. B, 13, 6, 9; 23, 6 f. This value does not appear either in his "Nachträge" or in his list of phonetic values.<sup>2</sup> In K 4174,

<sup>1</sup> Meissner, Bruno, SELTENE ASSYRISCHE IDEOGRAMME, Assyriologische Bibliothek, Vol. XX, in nine parts, xx+721 pp. Leipzig: J. C. Hinrichs'sche Buchhandlung.

<sup>2</sup> See also *Babyloniaca* III, 148, No. 1,146<sup>1</sup>.

col. I 5 (*CT*, XI, 45) the sign  appears as DU-NU in the name of the group ŠAM-DU-NU MINABI-ŠE-A-NISIGŪ, which gives a dialectic value DUN for DUL, the ordinary root for katāmu, to cover: for DUN = katāmu see IV R, 10b, 29, DŪN-ĀM = katma (given by me in *Babyloniaca* III, 155, and not registered by Meissner), and for *l* > *n* a partial dental assimilation, cf. ṬUN = šuplu cavity, with ṬUL = šuplu (Nos. 7,803 and 9,176).

According to *CT*, XI, 47b, 15, the sign  has the value *si-ig*, transcribed by Meissner himself No. 1,675, but the value does not appear for this sign in his list.

Occasionally the Sumerian forms are misunderstood; for instance, the three cases cited under No. 3,214 are every one of them wrong, the word in Sumerian for mu'uru in each case is , a form explained in *Babyloniaca* II, 78. The author still fails to correct Brünnow No. 4,741 where  is given the value lū; the phrase in IV R. 10b 33 should be read AGGI GĒ-IN-ĠUL = lū uḫallil and AGGI GĒ-IN-ŠĀG = lū udammiḫ. The verbs are compounds AGGI-ĠUL and AGGI-ŠĀG.

The work has already been characterized by me in *Babyloniaca* II, 199 ff., as of great importance in the history of Assyriology, and I have only to reiterate the same statement here. For those who have not had time to collect the material, both Brünnow's and Meissner's books will be indispensable; even the specialist will learn much from them. Both books are, however, the work of compilers who have not penetrated the more difficult problems of Sumerian etymology and syntax. The subject has already advanced considerably beyond the work of compilation, although specialists must feel greatly indebted to such works.

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### THE FIFTEENTH EDITION OF "BUHL-GESENIUS HEBREW LEXICON"<sup>1</sup>

The fourteenth edition appeared in 1905, just five years ago. It contained 948 pages. This fifteenth edition is 75 pages larger, in spite of the use of many abbreviations of terms fully written out in the earlier edition. The former staff of editors, viz., Professors Buhl and Zimmern, has been increased on the title-page by the addition of Dr. W. Max Müller on Egyptian material, and Dr. O. Weber on South Arabian words.

<sup>1</sup> WILHELM GESENIUS' HEBRÄISCHES UND ARAMÄISCHES HANDWÖRTERBUCH ÜBER DAS ALTE TESTAMENT. In Verbindung mit Professor H. Zimmern, Professor W. Max Müller u. Dr. O. Weber, bearbeitet von Dr. Frants Buhl. Leipzig: F. C. W. Vogel, 1910. XVII+1006 pages. M. 18.